proper preservation taken in the matter.

Problems faced by publishers due to shortage of papers

127. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is known to Government that due to paucity of paper, the publishers of text-books in the country are facing big problem ;

(b) whether Government are taking any steps to meet the demand of the text-book publishers; and

(c) if so, what steps are being taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTERY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) to (c) Government of India allots concessional white printing paper to the educational sector in the States/UTs for the printing of school text-books, exercise books and examination answer sheets.

Requirement of paper for printing of text-books

128. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) what is the total requirement of paper for printing text-books in the country in the context of New Education Policy;

(b) whether paper is being imported to meet the total requirement; and

(c) if so, what quantity of paper has so far been imported and of what rupee value ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRI L. P. SHAHI) : (a) Based on the projected approximate students enrolment figure for the year 1989-90, the requirement of white printing paper for the school text-books is about 1,26,151 MTs.

(b) and (c) No, Sir. However, under the bilateral agreement between the Govt. of India and the Kingdom of Norway, Gift Paper is received from Norway on year to year basis. During 1989-90, Gift Paper amounting to 3725 MTs, valued at Rs. 4.57 crores, was received. During 1989-90, Gift Paper amounting to 2086 MTs, valued at Rs. 2.75 crores, has been received as part supplies. The entire quantity of paper is utilised for the printing of school text-books.

Employees representation on Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan and its Board

129. DR. NAGEN SAIKIA : Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the reply to Unstarred Question 3421 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 29th March, 1989 and state:

(a) whether AIKVTA and some Members of Parliament have since pressed for inclusion of employees' representation on Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan, its Board of Governors and Regional Academic Councils;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof ;

(c) whether the matter has since been referred to the 53rd meeting of the Board of Governors of Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan ; and

(d) if so, what decision has been taken thereon ?